

CREST-DEHESA-GRANITE HILLS-HARBISON CANYON SUBREGIONAL
PLANNING GROUP. Minutes of the meeting on 12 January 2009.

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Item 1. Chairperson Wally Riggs called the meeting to order at 1905 hours and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Planning Group members Ulm, Slagill, Bowen, Walls, Riggs, Bretz, Manning, Vandover, Harris, Myrick, Smith and Gabler were present, forming a quorum of 12.
- Planning Group members Crocker and Hertel were absent, but excused. Seat 3 is vacant.
- Requested corrections to the minutes of the Group's meeting on 8 December 2008 include: Item 1, Bullet 2, change "member Hertel was" to "members Hertel and Vandover were"; Item 2, Bullet 3, last line, erase the word "Intermountain"; Item 9, first line, change the word "Crest" to "Granite Hills". Lory Walls moved that the Planning Group approves the minutes of the Group's 8 December 2008 meeting following correction as requested. The motion passed (10 yes; 0 no; 2 abstain: Myrick, Vandover).
- Mary Manning requested reimbursement for her expense of \$23.70 for purchase of a CD copy of the County's Draft General Plan document. Judy Bowen moved that the Group approves a reimbursement of \$23.70 from the County to Mary Manning as she requested. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Manning).

Item 2. Announcements.

Mary Manning (Harbison Canyon) announced:

- *that* the Harbison Canyon Fire Station Open House is scheduled for 7 February from 11 am until 1 pm and will feature a BBQ and attendance by Supervisor Diane Jacob;
- *that* the Greater Alpine Fire Safe Council has scheduled cut brush chipping days in Harbison Canyon on 28 February and 20 March; and
- *that* anyone interested in a Community Emergency Response Team training class being organized to teach basic First Aid, CPR, and critical information about how to deal with emergencies should contact her (the class will cost \$10 and will meet on 2 Saturdays and 3 evenings for a total of 20 hours).

Wally Riggs (Dehesa) announced:

- *that* he had received Certificates of Election to distribute to Group members Mark Gabler, Phil Hertel, Lory Walls, Jason Harris and Mary Manning for their seats on the Planning Group resulting from their filing for candidacy in the 2008 general election;
- *that* Form 700 Financial Disclosure statements will soon be due from all Group members;
- *that* the Traffic Advisory Committee has informed him the intersection of Silverbrook and East Noakes streets does qualify for installation of a stop control sign for westbound traffic on East Noakes, and that according to the Brown Act the Group can take action tonight on approval of this unadvertised traffic control matter in order to meet the Traffic Advisory Committee

deadline on 20 January for the Group's response; <Jack Vandover (Harbison Canyon) moved that the Planning Group recommends approval of the installation of a stop control sign at the intersection of Silverbrook and East Noakes as proposed by Traffic Advisory Committee; the motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).>

- *that* the Department of Public Works has informed him that it will apply for a grant from the Tribal Distribution Fund to finance a right turn lane on eastbound Dehesa Road approaching its intersection with Harbison Canyon Road, and that it will also apply for a grant to finance a traffic signal at the intersection;
- *that* both LAFCO and the County responded in opposition to the Otay Water District's Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the annexation of the Sycuan Tribal Reservation, stating many reasons that determine an EIR is needed for the proposed annexation, and that the District would decide today (12 January 2009) whether to pursue a Negative Declaration; and
- *that* the Planning Commission conducted a hearing on 9 January and issued a Vegetation Management Report for fire protection purposes in the unincorporated county; the County's attempt to distribute a mailed copy of the report for review failed to include the report, but the report may be available for review on the County website.

Item 3a. Open Forum. Pamela Haas (Harbison Canyon) requested information about the status of environmental planning for the Kemerko Minor Subdivision, and if an EIR will be required. <Chairperson Wally Riggs stated that the County has sent him a letter that thanked the Planning Group for its input recommending that an EIR is required for the Kemerko Project, but that a decision has not been announced. >

Item 3b. Group Forum. Bill Bretz (Dehesa) informed the Planning Group that State Law AB 885 passed in 2000 requires the regulation of septic tanks that impair or threaten to impair surface water or groundwater quality; that implementation of regulations is required by July 2010; that the State Water Resources Control Board is currently holding workshops around the state to gather public comment; that comments on proposed regulation will be accepted during a review period in August 2009; and that Forester Creek within the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Subregion may be considered an impaired surface water requiring regulation of all septic tanks within 600' of the creek.

Item 4. Committee Reports.

- 2020 General Plan Steering Committee and Interest Group. May Manning and Jack Vandover attended the recent Steering Committee meeting at which the Draft General Plan and Appendices were released for review and comment, and they reported that the Planning Group review period ends 31 January. So that the Planning Group can provide comments for improvement of the Draft EIR by the 31 January deadline, Chairperson Wally Riggs appointed an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Draft General Plan review composed of Mary Manning, Jack Vandover, Pat Ulm and Bill Bretz; and he empowered this subcommittee to

meet and make recommendations independently to the County to contribute to the next version of the Draft EIR on behalf of the Planning Group.

- Subregional Community Boundaries Committee. Chairperson Wally Riggs informed the Group that Gary Crocker (Dehesa) has resigned from the Boundaries Committee, but that map documents for undertaking committee work need to be retrieved from him. Riggs appointed Lory Walls (Dehesa) to replace Gary Crocker on this committee.

Item 5. Private Project Proposal. None.

Item 6. Public Project Proposal. None.

Item 7a. Unfinished Business. Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Presentation by Mark Massen from Department of Parks and Recreation. Chairperson Wally Riggs introduced Mr. Mark Massen from DPR who proceeded to describe the disbursement process and status of \$150,000 of District 2 funds that have been allocated for park improvements in the Subregion, as compensation for the \$200,000 of Subregion PLDO funds that were allocated to the Granite Hills High School athletic field and track improvement project. He explained that there is a requirement for an established maintenance agreement with the County before PLDO funds can be expended at any specific park; that this requirement also applies to expending the District 2 funds; that there is no existing maintenance agreement for South Lane Park with the County; that there is an existing maintenance agreement for Old Ironsides Park; and that the Old Ironsides Park Scope of Work defining projects requested by the Planning Group has been verified and approved by DPR. Mr. Massen then introduced Mr. Mike Duffek from DPR who is the Old Ironsides Park Improvements Project Manager.

Mr. Duffek described the components of the project which includes installation of a 35' by 50' patio slab cover; installation of a retaining wall around the existing gazebo; installation of an electric power outlet and switch for the gazebo circuit; replacement of damaged picnic tables; and improvements to the Community Center building including new kitchen cabinets, countertops, sink, new windows, 3 new air-conditioning units, an electric capacity upgrade if needed, and proper safety signs where needed. He said that he was meeting with the contractor tomorrow (Tuesday, 13 January) to determine a schedule and budget for the work, and that work should begin possibly by the first week of February.

Item 7b. Unfinished Business. Planning Group Members' Payments for Website Service. Chairperson Wally Riggs reminded the Group that it had agreed that each member would contribute \$8.00 to a fund that will purchase a 2-year continuance of the internet service hosting the Planning Group's website. He directed members to provide their shares to Mark Gabler (Granite Hills), who is responsible for arranging the continued 2-year service on behalf of the Group.

Item 8a. New Business. Reappointment of Ralph Slagill to Seat Number Three, Crest. Chairperson Wally Riggs explained that the Department of Planning and Land Use has requested the Group to provide its vote of approval for the reappointment by the Board of

Supervisors of Ralph Slagill to Seat Number Three, Crest, of the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Subregional Planning Group. Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group recommends and approves the reappointment of Ralph Slagill by the Board of Supervisors to Seat Number Three, Crest, of the Subregional Planning Group. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Slagill).

Item 8b. New Business. Consideration of Applications for Seat Number One, Crest. Chairperson Wally Riggs announced that he had received a letter of application for nomination to Seat One, Crest, from Ms. Janet Cox-Dillard, and he introduced her to the Group. Ms. Cox-Dillard is a 5-year resident of Crest; a landowner, homeowner and landlord; registered voter and also a poll worker; a 13-year County employee currently working as a human resources officer with the Sheriff's Department. She is interested in supporting her local community and its efforts to maintain its quiet rural character. Pat Ulm moved that the Planning Group nominate Janet Cox-Dillard for appointment by the Board of Supervisors to Seat Number One, Crest, of the Crest-Dehesa-Granite Hills-Harbison Canyon Subregional Planning Board. The motion passed (12 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain).

Item 8c. New Business. Sloan Canyon Sand Company Rehabilitation Plan. Chairperson Wally Riggs explained that Tom Hart of County Department of Planning and Land Use has written a letter to the Sycuan Tribe requesting that it provides to the County a rehabilitation plan for the former Sloan Canyon Sand Company property that the Tribe now owns. He stated that the County permits governing use of the property are still in effect, but when the Sycuan Tribe achieves addition of the property to its Reservation the County permits will no longer apply; that one County condition is that within 1 year of the cessation of sand mining a rehabilitation plan is to be submitted, and then implemented; that dedication of community trails and a park area in Sloane Canyon were features to be included in the rehabilitation plan; that sand mining ceased three years ago when Sycuan Tribe purchased the property; that a rehabilitation plan has not been produced by the Tribe as required by the County permits; and that dedication of community trails, other rehabilitation and all other permit conditions must be accomplished before the property is taken into Trust and added to the Reservation. Possible Planning Group actions include requesting that the Sycuan Tribe complies with County permit requirements and implements an approved post-mining rehabilitation plan including dedicated community trails; and also determining if there are Bureau of Mines requirements that should be enforced.

Mr. Sid Morris, representative of the Sycuan Tribe, stated that the mining permits for the property are now expired, and the Tribe has scheduled a meeting with Mr. Tom Hart, County DPLU, to discuss compliance with the Major Use Permit conditions governing the property; that there is a biological order from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service affecting the property that could conflict in some ways with Major use Permit conditions; that the Tribe has removed several abandoned vehicles and illegally dumped trash, and has hired Habitat Restoration Services to do rehabilitation work including removal of undesirable invasive plants; and that the Tribe has no development plans for the property at this time.

Planning Group members expressed their wanting to have a better understanding of the permit conditions previously and currently governing the former sand mining property now owned by the Tribe; their concerns about off-road vehicle driving in the sensitive habitats of the Sweetwater River floodplain; questions about public opportunity for fishing at Lake Emma; and questions about what might the Sycuan Tribe's vision for the future of the property. Chairperson Riggs requested that Mr. Morris inform Mr. Hart that the Planning Group desires a status report from him following the meeting concerning the permit conditions that apply to the former Sloan Canyon Sand Company property.

Item 8d. Election of Officers for 2009. Chairperson Riggs asked Jason Harris (Harbison Canyon), who chaired the Nominating Committee, to preside over the Planning Group nomination and election of Group Chairperson for 2009. Harris distributed a handout to members of the Group that summarized members' interest (or lack of interest) in being nominated for Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary of the Group according to inquiry of the members by the Nominating Committee.

- Election of Chairperson. Harris nominated Wally Riggs for Chairperson of the Planning Group. Riggs accepted his nomination. Judy Bowen moved that the nominations for Chairperson be closed. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Riggs). Harris called for a vote of Group members in favor of electing Wally Riggs as Chairperson. Riggs was elected (11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Riggs).
- Election of Vice Chairperson. Wally Riggs nominated Jason Harris for Vice Chairperson. Harris accepted his nomination. Bill Bretz moved that the nominations be closed. The motion passed (11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain: Harris). Riggs declared that Jason was elected as Vice Chairperson by Group consensus.
- Election of Secretary. Pat Ulm nominated Bill Bretz for Secretary. Bretz accepted. Ulm moved that nominations be closed. Riggs declared that Bretz was elected by Group consensus.
- Parliamentarian. Chairperson Riggs reappointed Jack Vandover as Group Parliamentarian for 2009.

Item 9. Adjournment. Pat Ulm moved adjournment at 2050 hours. The motion passed unanimously,

Respectfully submitted, William L. Bretz (Secretary)